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stated in the Commission's notice will be deemed admitted.

(b) Any election to have the procedures of Rule 1509 apply may not be revoked after the 30-day election period in paragraph (a) of this section, without the consent of the Commission.

§ 385.1508 Commission administrative procedures (Rule 1508).

(a) If the respondent is not entitled to an election pursuant to Rule 1506(b)(3)(ii) or does not timely elect to have the procedures of Rule 1509 apply, the Commission will commence a proceeding in accordance with the provisions of subpart E of this chapter.

(b) The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure in part 385 of this chapter will apply, as appropriate, to any evidentiary proceeding to assess a civil penalty.

(c) An assessment order under this section shall include the administrative law judge's findings and the basis for such assessment.

§ 385.1509 District court procedures (Rule 1509).

(a) After receipt of the notification of election to apply the provisions of this section pursuant to Rule 1507, the Commission will promptly assess the penalty it deems appropriate, in accordance with Rule 1505.

(b) If the civil penalty is not paid within 60 calendar days after the assessment order is issued under paragraph (a) of this section, the General Counsel, unless otherwise directed by the Commission, will institute an action in the appropriate United States District Court for an order affirming the assessment of the civil penalty.

§ 385.1510 Modification of civil penalty (Rule 1510).

(a) The Commission may compromise, modify, or remit, with or without conditions, any civil penalty (with leave of court if necessary).

(b) In exercising its authority under paragraph (a) of this section, the Commission may consider the nature and seriousness of the violation, and the efforts of the licensee, exemptee, permittee, or one who should possess appropriate authority but does not, to

remedy the violation in a timely manner.

(c) The Commission's authority to compromise, modify or remit a civil penalty may be exercised at any time prior to a final decision by the United States Court of Appeals if Rule 1508 procedures are utilized, or prior to a final decision by the United States District Court if Rule 1509 procedures are utilized.

§ 385.1511 Collection of civil penalties (Rule 1511).

If any person fails to pay a civil penalty assessment, the Commission will seek to recover the amount of the penalty plus interest in any appropriate District Court of the United States. Interest will begin to accrue on the date the Commission issues a final order under Rule 1508 or the date on which the appropriate District Court enters final judgment in favor of the Commission under Rule 1509.

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Subpart P—Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment

SOURCE: Order 891, 67 FR 52412, Aug. 12, 2002, unless otherwise noted.

§ 385.1601 Scope and purpose (Rule 1601).

The purpose of this subpart is to make inflation adjustments to the civil monetary penalties provided by law within the jurisdiction of the Commission. These penalties shall be subject to review and adjustment as necessary at least every four years in accordance with the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Act of 1990, as amended.

§ 385.1602 Civil penalties, as adjusted (Rule 1602).

The civil monetary penalties provided by law within the jurisdiction of the Commission are:

(a) 15 U.S.C. 3414(b)(6)(A)(1), Natural Gas Policy Act: from \$5,000 to \$5,500.

(b) 16 U.S.C. 823b(c), Federal Power Act: from \$10,000 to \$11,000.

(c) 16 U.S.C. 825n(a), Federal Power Act: from \$1,000 to \$1,100.

(d) 16 U.S.C. 825(o)–1(b), Federal Power Act: from \$10,000 to \$11,000.